



# Low-Cost U.S. Manufacturing of Power Electronics for Electric Drive Vehicles

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# Project Overview

## Timeline

- ◆ Start: January 2010
- ◆ Finish: December 2012
- ◆ 100% complete

## Barriers

- ◆ Market demand for EDVs sensitive to:
  - Unstable/unpredictable fuel prices
  - U.S. policy incentives for EDVs and U.S. sourcing/investment

## Budget

- ◆ Total project funding
  - DOE: \$89.3M
  - Delphi: \$89.3M

## Collaborators

- ◆ Project Lead: Delphi
- ◆ Vehicle OEMs: GM, Ford, others
- ◆ Powertrain OEMs: Allison Transmission
- ◆ Suppliers: power silicon, capacitors, etc.
  - 145 qualified for power electronics (68 U.S.)

# Collaborators

## ◆ Vehicle and Powertrain OEM Customers

- GM®, Ford, Allison Transmission®, Coda Automotive™, Fisker, others

## ◆ Suppliers

- Silicon, capacitors, circuit boards, castings, magnetics, etc.
- 2012 total qualified suppliers to Delphi
- 145 currently in use for Power Electronics (68 U.S. based)

## ◆ State of Indiana – incentives offered

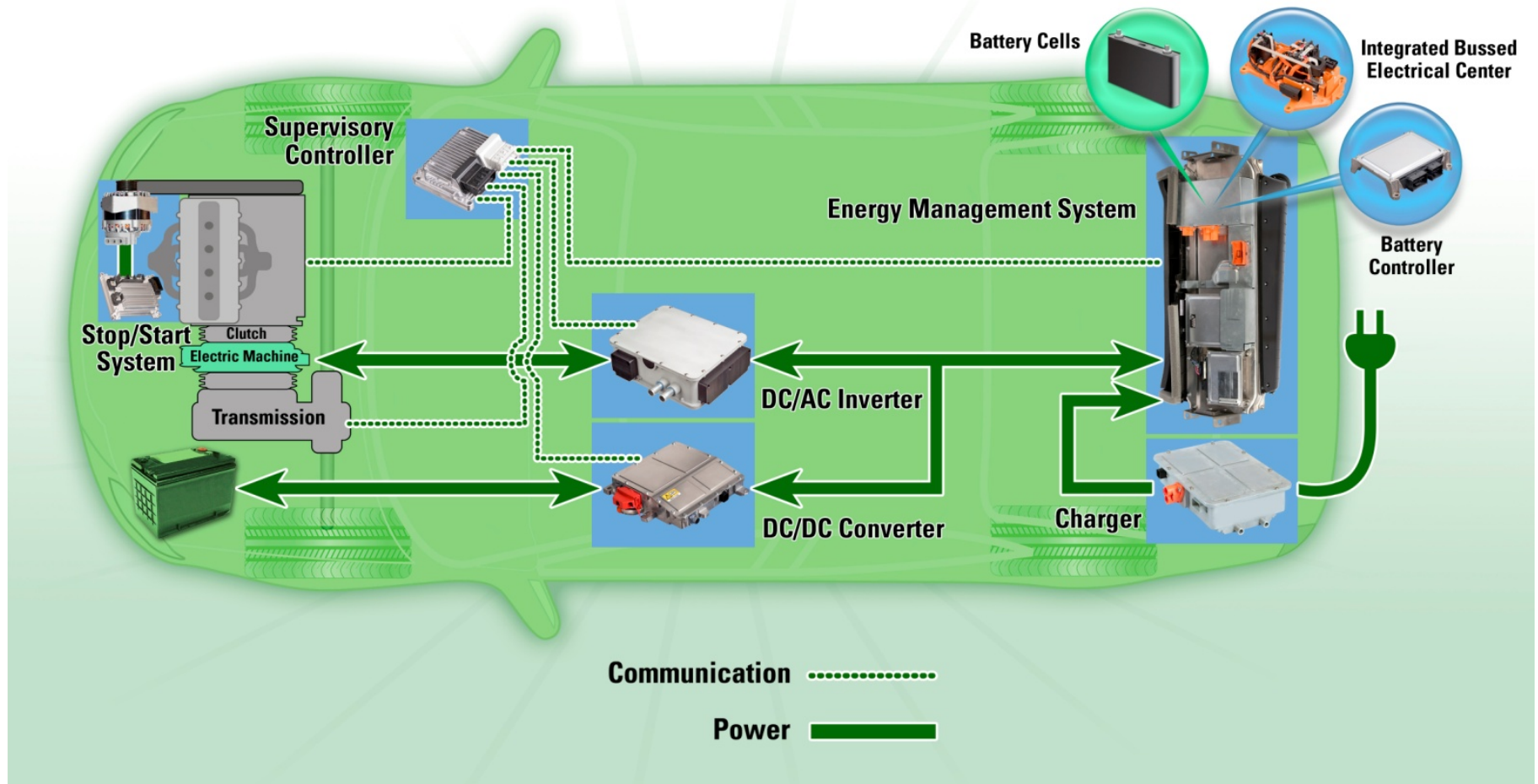
- EDGE Tax Credit over ten-year period

## ◆ City of Kokomo, Indiana – incentives offered

- Personal property tax abatement – five years on manufacturing equipment and special tooling – approved by City Council on 26Apr2010
- Revolving loan fund
- Workforce development support (w/ Purdue University & State of Indiana)

Delphi has in place the customers, suppliers and community foundation to succeed

# Relevance: Lower-cost power electronic products enable expansion of U.S. demand for EDVs



**Market Drivers:** Performance - Emissions - Fuel Economy

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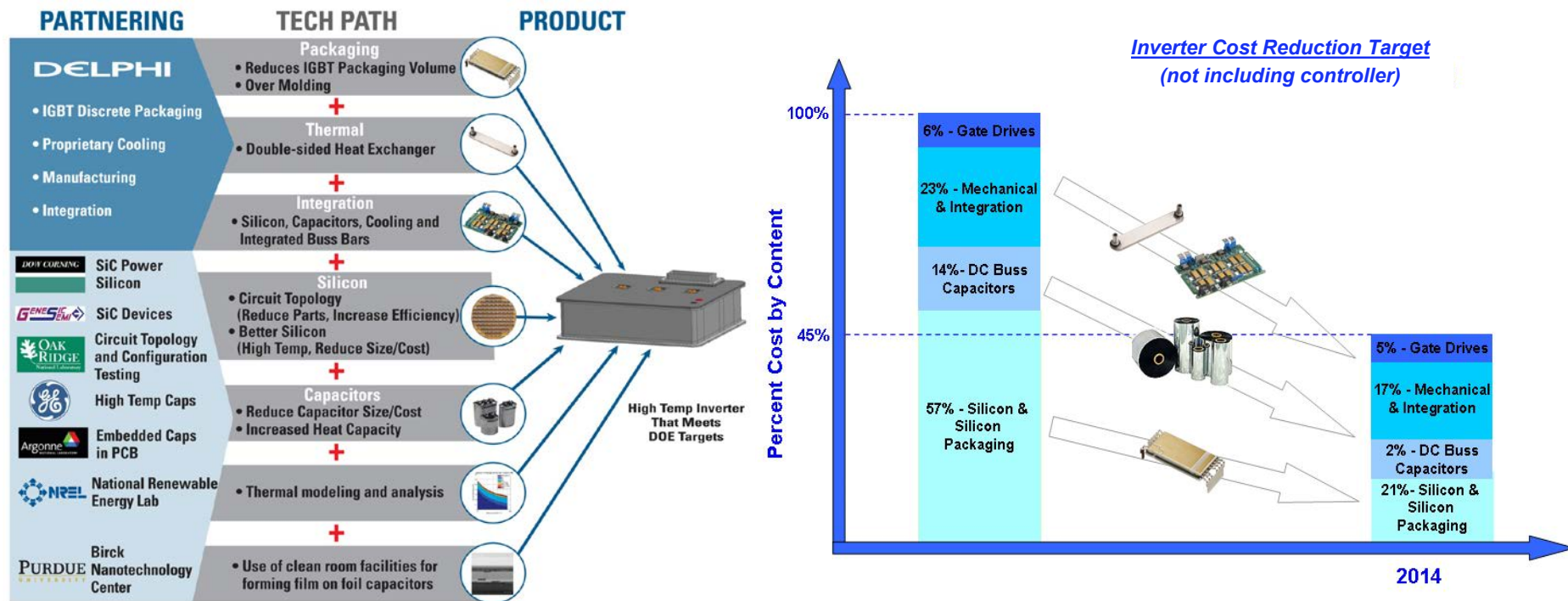
# Relevance: Establishes a U.S. power electronics volume production capacity

- ◆ Establish a globally competitive, U.S.-based production source for power electronics
  - Automobiles
  - Commercial vehicles
  - Off-road / industrial equipment
  
- ◆ Build upon Delphi's core capabilities
  - Rapid, concurrent product/process design optimization for production
  - Based on power electronics building blocks
  - Testing for validation
  - Power electronics product line
    - » Inverters, converters, chargers, controllers, energy storage systems



**Delphi Power Electronics  
Manufacturing Site  
Kokomo, Indiana**

# Relevance: Provides a commercial path for future power electronics technology



## – October 2007 –

DOE awarded \$5.4M to team led by Delphi for the Development, Test and Demonstration of a Cost-Effective, Compact, Light-Weight, and Scalable High Temperature Propulsion Inverter

## – November 2009 –

DOE awarded \$7.0M to a team led by Delphi to develop GaN devices for HEVs/PHEVs/EVs/FCVs



# Approach: Apply more than 20 years of Delphi experience with vehicle electrification technology

- ◆ Largest North American supplier for HEV power electronics components and energy management systems
- ◆ HEV propulsion architects for multiple vehicles
- ◆ More than 100 relevant patents issued since 2000
- ◆ Focusing on aggressively lowering the cost of powertrain electrification
  - System design and architecture
  - Component design and development
  - Controls and algorithm development
  - Design for manufacturability

**The Result – Increasing Usage of Electrified Vehicles that Reduce U.S. Dependence on Foreign Energy, Create U.S. Jobs and Reduce Emissions**

# Approach: Focus on three major areas

- ◆ Optimizing Delphi's power electronics component and system designs for volume production for a broad range of vehicular and equipment applications
- ◆ Retrofitting existing and install required new equipment and tools
- ◆ Validating the readiness of Delphi's component and system designs for volume production



# Approach: Apply Delphi's value-add

## ◆ Cost Efficiency

- Delphi understands automotive cost challenges and price competition
- Delphi leverages a large supplier base and technology building blocks to create affordable products, through volume production with economies of scale

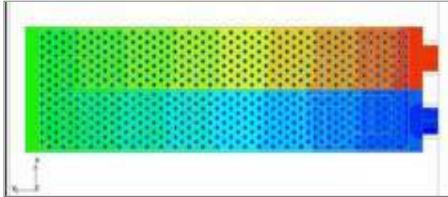
## ◆ Innovation

- Invention applied to high-volume production
- Proprietary power semiconductor packaging technology
- Solving the problems of thermal management and packaging for transportation

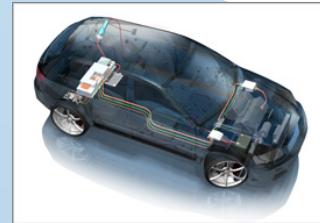
## ◆ Proven Reliability

- Delphi track record of single-digit PPM production of automotive power electronics and energy storage systems

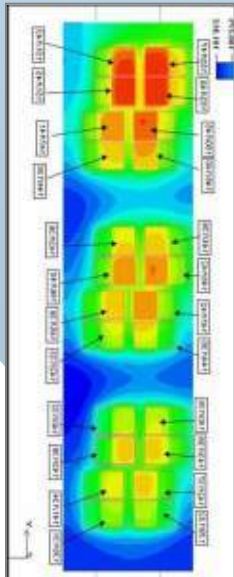
# Approach: Apply a wide array of Delphi EV/HEV component and system development tools



**Heat Exchanger  
Fluid Dynamics Modeling**



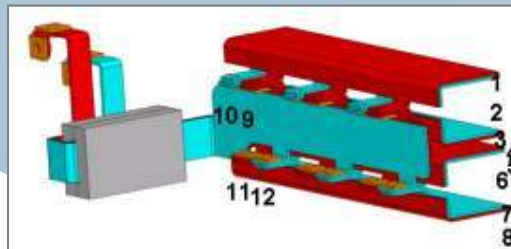
**Vehicle  
Integration**



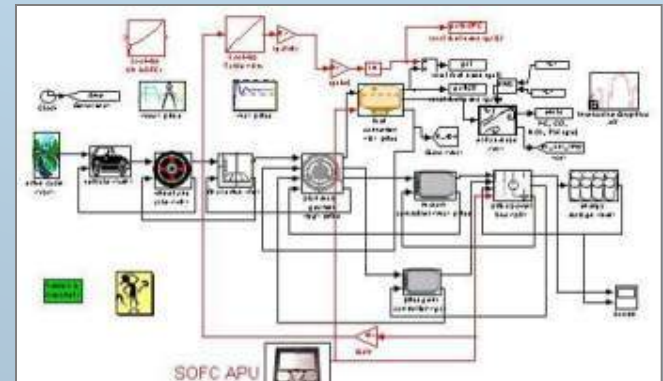
**Power Module  
Thermal FEA**



**System Dynamometers**



**DC Bus Structure  
Q3D Inductance Modeling**



**Vehicle Modeling and  
Simulation**

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# Approach:

## Build upon Delphi's extensive validation test capability



**Performance / Temperature  
Tri-Temperature  
Thermal Shock**



**Mechanical  
Test**



**Vibration +  
Thermal Shock**



**EMI / EMC**  
• Emissions  
• Susceptibility  
• Immunity

**Environmental**  
• Humidity  
• Dust  
• Corrosion



**Powered Temperature Cycling**

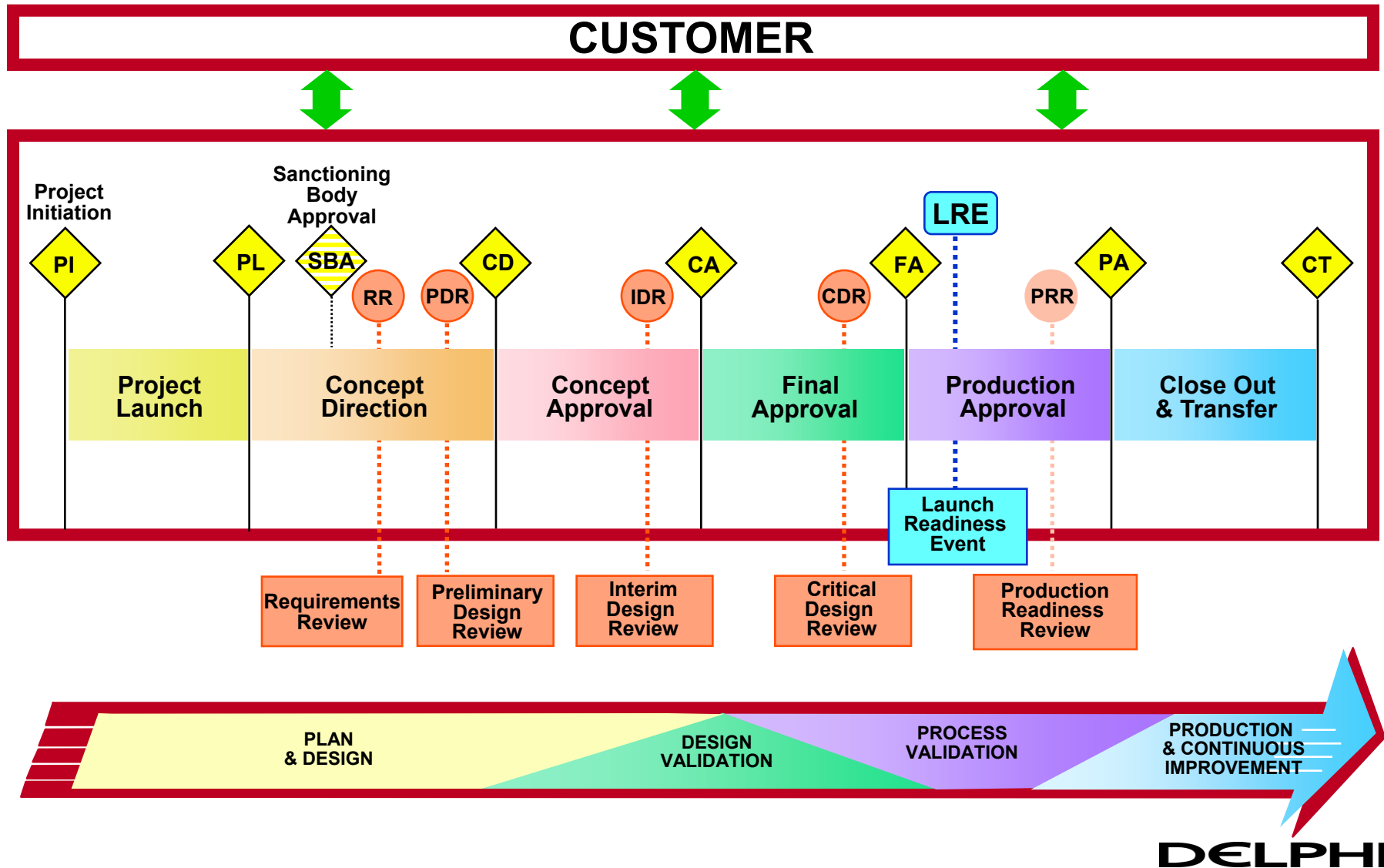


**Highly Accelerated Life Test**



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# Approach: Utilize Delphi's Product Development Process





# Accomplishments:

## New Power Electronics Production and Validation Facilities

- ◆ Feb 2010: First surface mount test boards completed
  - ◆ July 2010: First production started (for 1<sup>st</sup> export customer)
  - ◆ Sep 2010: Certification received for ISO/TS 16949 Quality Management System
  - ◆ Nov 2010: ISO 14001 Environmental Certification
  - ◆ Dec 2010: Completed installation of validation equipment at Kokomo Morgan Street (KMS) facility
  - ◆ Dec 2010: Groundbreaking for new validation facility at Kokomo Corporate Technology Center
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- ◆ Mar 2011: Low volume production initiated (for 2<sup>nd</sup> export customer)
  - ◆ Apr 2011: Energy Storage System test lab and proto build area completed
  - ◆ Apr 2011: Prep completed for validation and manufacturing areas for Energy Storage System
  - ◆ Sep 2011: Initial assembly and test equipment complement installed for Passenger Car Inverter
  - ◆ Oct 2011: New engineering/validation laboratory was completed, with DOE ribbon-cutting on Oct 17
  - ◆ Oct 2011: First pre-design proto builds scheduled for converters and inverters
  - ◆ Oct 2011: First flexible final assembly & test area installed
  - ◆ Dec 2011: Recertification of TS 16949 & ISO 14001
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- ◆ Mar 2012: Run-at-rate scheduled for next production launch product
  - ◆ Jun 2012: High volume conformal coat and final assembly installed
  - ◆ July 2012: 1st complement of high volume test capacity installed
  - ◆ Aug 2012: Added plant air capacity and lower cost lighting fixtures
  - ◆ Sep 2012: Recertification of TS 16949 & ISO 14001
  - ◆ Nov 2012: SOP for lithium-ion battery controller
  - ◆ Dec 2012: Achieved annual production capacity of 244,000 units



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# Accomplishments: Passenger Car DC/DC Converters

- ◆ Jan 2010: Project approved by Delphi for funding, initiating PDP process
  - ◆ Feb 2010: Manufacturing capital and tooling orders placed
  - ◆ Jun 2010: First process confirmation build
  - ◆ Sep 2010: Validation build and testing completed
  - ◆ Oct 2010: First production shipment to a China customer
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- ◆ Feb 2011: First production shipments to two European customers
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- ◆ Jan 2012: Validation build and testing begins for cost optimized production design
  - ◆ Mar 2012: Cost optimized production design successfully validated and proceeding to production



# Accomplishments: Chargers 100/220 AC to DC

- ◆ Jan - Sep 2010: Engineering samples sent to OEM customers in North America and Europe
- ◆ July 2011: First low-volume samples produced in controlled process environment
- ◆ Oct 2011: Second generation prototype design development initiated
- ◆ Nov 2011: First prototype samples delivered to Asian customer
- ◆ Nov 2011: Award of production business for European customer
- ◆ Jan 2012: Long lead validation equipment ordered
- ◆ Feb 2012: Third generation production prototype design initiated
- ◆ July 2012: Third generation prototype delivered to European customer
- ◆ Aug 2012: Third generation charger validation started
- ◆ Sep 2012: Third generation production design improvements initiated
- ◆ Dec 2012: Third generation production design completed

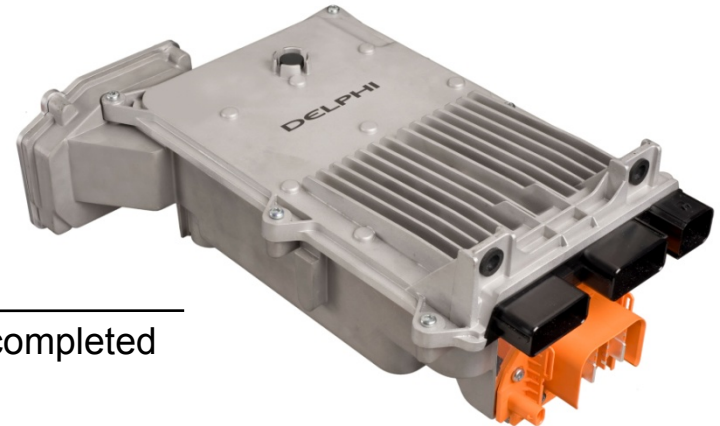


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# Accomplishments: Passenger Car Inverters

- ◆ Mar 2010: Received customer commitment
  - ◆ May 2010: First reliability evaluation completed
  - ◆ July 2010: First design confirmation units built
  - ◆ Aug 2010: First customer deliverables achieved
  - ◆ Sep 2010: Next design turn build completed
  - ◆ Nov 2010: Customer units delivered for motor calibration
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- ◆ Jan 2011: First phase reliability evaluation successfully completed
  - ◆ Mar 2011: Validation equipment delivered and installed
  - ◆ Mar 2011: Second design turn build complete
  - ◆ July 2011: Second phase reliability testing started
  - ◆ Aug 2011: Vehicle testing started
  - ◆ Sep 2011: Initial complement of production equipment ordered / installation started
  - ◆ Dec 2011: Completed second phase customer deliveries
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- ◆ Jan 2012: Third design turn frozen
  - ◆ Sep 2012: Completed third phase customer deliveries
  - ◆ Sep 2012: Customer driven requirements changes included in next design turn
  - ◆ Dec 2012: Units with updated design built and delivered for customer evaluation



# Accomplishments: Commercial Vehicle Systems

- ◆ May 2010: Populated inverter circuit boards at new manufacturing site
- ◆ May 2010: Populated battery controller boards in engineering build facility
- ◆ May 2010: First inverter drives a motor
- ◆ July 2010: First complete customer system delivered
- ◆ Aug 2010: First reliability evaluation completed

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- ◆ Feb 2011: First vehicle test complete with inverter, converter and battery system
- ◆ Aug 2011: Delivered second design turn hardware to customer
- ◆ Aug 2011: Design validation testing initiated
- ◆ Dec 2011: ESS Design validation testing completed

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- ◆ Feb 2012: Converter design validation testing completed
- ◆ Feb 2012: First customer reliability testing started for the battery controller, converter, inverter and energy storage system
- ◆ Jun 2012: Inverter design validation completed
- ◆ Sep 2012: Converter production design completed
- ◆ Oct 2012: Inverter production design completed
- ◆ Oct 2012: Converter product validation build starting
- ◆ Nov 2012: Battery system controller production started



**Converter**

Allison Transmission H3000 System

**Inverter**

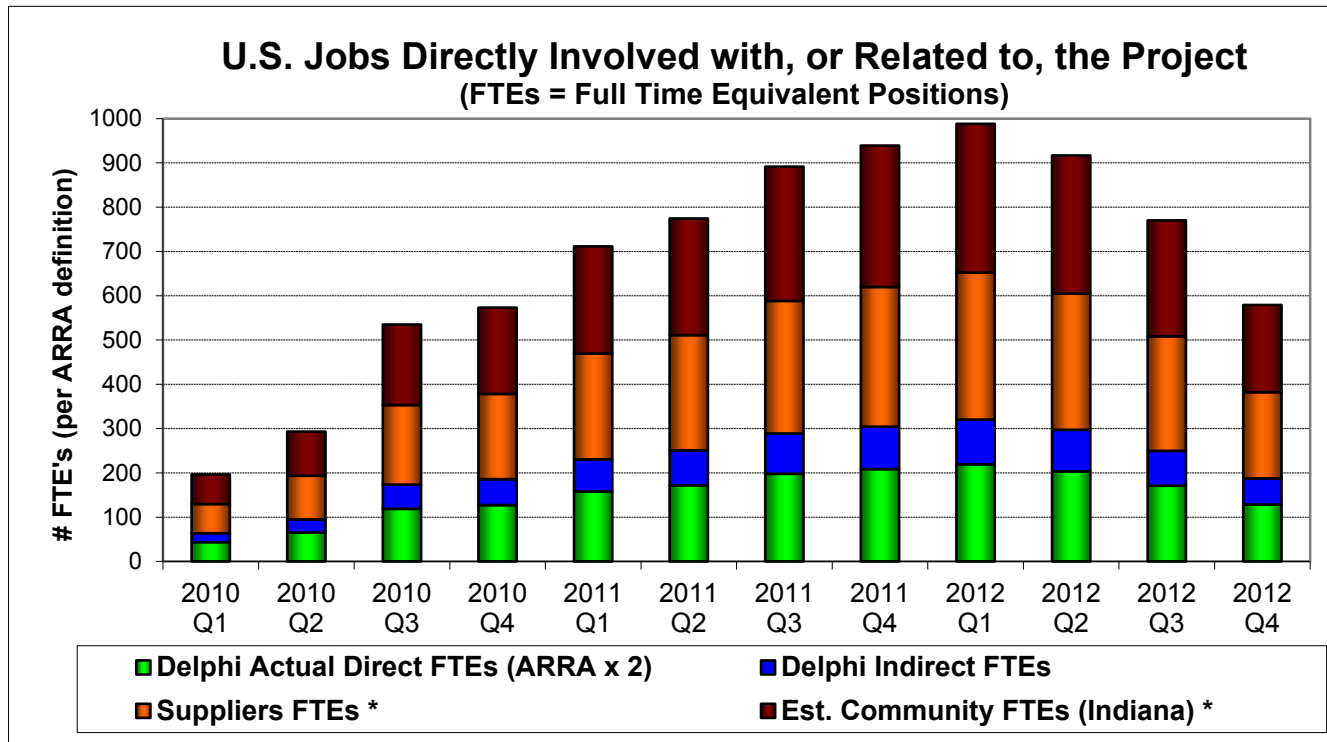


**Battery System Controller**

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# Accomplishments:

An estimated 1000 U.S. jobs attributable to the project at its peak



\* Multipliers based on State of Indiana Study: "What Indiana Makes, Makes Indiana: Analysis of the Indiana Manufacturing Sector," by Thomas P. Miller & Associates for the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, January 17, 2005.

The project resulted in over 300 jobs at Delphi and many more U.S. jobs indirectly

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# FY13 Summary of Achievements

## (Oct 2012 – Dec 2012)

- ◆ Sep 2012: Completed third phase customer deliveries for Passenger Car Inverter
- ◆ Sep 2012: Completed re-certification to TS 16949 and ISO 14001 standards
- ◆ Oct 2012: Completed inverter and converter production designs for Commercial Vehicle Hybrid System
- ◆ Nov 2012: Production started for Battery System Controller (Ford PHEV)
- ◆ Dec 2012: Completed third phase production design for 110/220 AC to DC Charger
- ◆ Dec 2012: Production process validation builds and testing
  - Commercial Vehicle Systems: build May/12 - Jun/12, testing July/12 - Dec/12
  - Passenger Car Inverter: build Aug - Oct/12, testing Oct/12 - Dec/12
- ◆ Dec 2012: Completed DOE review verifying achievement of the project's targeted capacity for power electronics products

# Project Summary

From 2010 to 2012, this project has achieved its objectives, by:

- ◆ Implementing a scalable, lean and cost-effective volume manufacturing processes that can be rapidly expanded to meet increases in demand for power electronics component and systems
- ◆ Establishing an ISO/TS16949 quality certified U.S. power electronics production facility
- ◆ Establishing a world-class U.S. skilled workforce at Delphi and our suppliers, capable of meeting the needs of the emerging U.S. and global demand for EDV power electronics components and systems
- ◆ Establishing a U.S. test and remanufacturing operation for power electronics components and systems
- ◆ Establishing a U.S. production capacity established for power electronics components and systems capable of supporting annual production of at least 200,000 units (achieved 244,000 units of capacity by 31Dec2012)
- ◆ Ensuring that vehicle OEMs and power system integrators have a globally competitive U.S. source for power electronics